

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER SERVICES IN ARIZONA

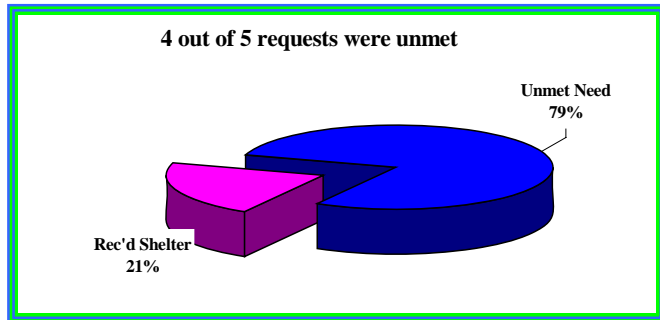
## MARICOPA COUNTY SUMMARY

July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

As reported by the 9 residential shelters accounting for 325 beds.

### Requests for Shelter

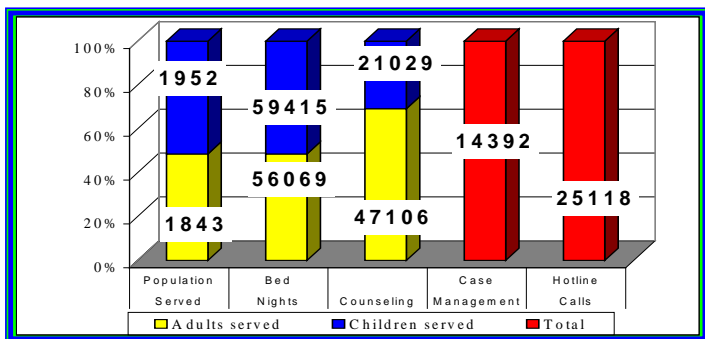
During the year 17,839 women and children requested shelter, of those 3,795 received shelter. Shelter was unavailable to 14,042 women and children at the time of request.



### Shelter Services

Emergency shelter is provided through permanent shelters, safe home networks and motels.

Staff and volunteers responded to 14,170 calls for emergency shelter and information and referral. In addition, CONTACTS, a centralized hotline in Maricopa County received 10,948 calls.



Emergency shelter and supportive services were provided to 3,795 women and children who received – 118,571 nights of safety in emergency shelter, 68,135 hours of individual and group advocacy and education and 14,392 hours of case management.

### Unmet Need for Service

Shelters reported that the top unmet need for the victims is affordable housing. Child care, transportation, financial assistance and legal services, also represented a high proportion of need.

### System Intervention

Shelters reported that: 2,356 victims indicated that a report had been made to law enforcement during one of the domestic violence incidents.

- 104 victims and 930 perpetrators had been arrested during an incident.
- 1,106 of the victims had obtained an Order of Protection or Injunction Against Harassment.
- 1319 of the victims reported that at some point they had sought emergency medical intervention as a result of the violence or discussed domestic violence with a medical professional.

### Demographics

#### Age of Primary Client and Children

0-2	3-5	6-12	13-17	18-29	30-44	45-59	60+
14.2%	15.2%	21.2%	6.8%	15.5%	18.2%	8.1%	0.5%

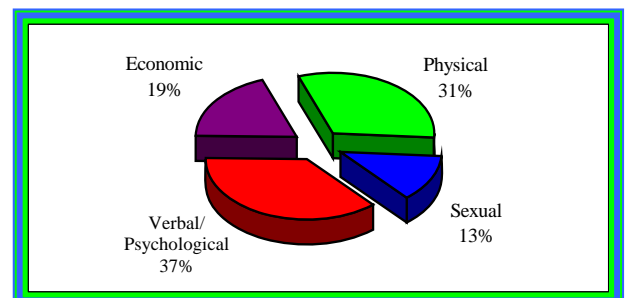
#### Income Status

68% reported an average annual income of \$6,000 or below. 83% reported \$14,000 or below.

#### Ethnicity

White	34%	Hispanic	45%
Black	14%	Asian	1%
Native American	4%	Mixed	2%

### Type of abuse experienced by primary client



### Outcome Status

Average length of stay in shelter is 26.7 days.

Upon exit from the shelter, 62.5% remained in a safe environment, 36.8% set up their own household or moved in with relatives or friends, 23.2% moved on to other shelter programs, and in 2.5% of the households the batterer moved out. 6.2% returned to the previous situation. The status was unknown for 31.3%.